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<b>Art Unit</b>	3673
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SERIAL NO.: 09/724,284      EXAMINER: RAYMOND W. ADDIE  
FILED: NOVEMBER 28, 2000  
TITLE: MODULAR BARRIER

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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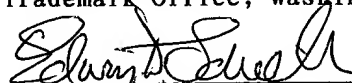
Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action, dated October 23, 2002 (Request for Continued Examination ("RCE")), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114; Petition for a Three-Month Extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a); and total requisite fees of \$1,680.00 being enclosed, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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